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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT WP 944 OF JSC CIRCULATED BY SECRETARIAT
THIS DATE.

2. QUOTE. ATTACHED HERETO IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER DATED 10
OCTOBER 1975 FROM DENMARK ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT. PLEASE ALSO
REFER TO MEMORANDA DATED 1 AND 7 OCTOBER, ON THE SAME SUBJECT,
FROM THE SECRETARY TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE JOINT SUPPORT COMMITTEE.
A LETTER, ON THE SAME SUBJECT, IS EXPECTED SHORTLY
FROM ICELAND AND WILL BE PUBLISHED AS A JS-WP, ALONG WITH
ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE RECEIVED.
AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE, IT SEEMS THAT A MEETING OF
THE JOINT SUPPORT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THIS MATTER FURTHER
WILL NOT BE HELD EARLIER THAN THE WEEK OF 27-31 OCTOBER. UNQUOTE

3. ATTACHMENT LETTER FROM DENMARK READS AS FOLLOWS: TO SECGEN,
ICAO DATED OCT 10, 1975.

QUOTE. SIR, REFERRING TO YOUR CABLE OF OCTOBER 2, 1975
CONCERNING THE JOINT SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER
30, 1975 AND FURTHER TO MY CABLE OF OCTOBER 6, 1975 I BEG
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TO INFORM YOU AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. BY THE ABOVE CABLE DENMARK HAS BEEN ALERTED THAT WE SHOULD NOT ANTICIPATE AN INCREASE IN THE CEILING IN ARTICLE V OF THE JOINT SUPPORT AGREEMENT IN DRAWING UP ESTIMATES FOR 1976, AND AT THE SAME TIME DENMARK IS INVITED TO CONDUCT IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER INVOLVED STATES AN IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AND ASSOCIATED COSTS OF PROVIDING THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES REFERRED TO ABOVE AND TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF THE REVIEW IN CONNECTION WITH THE 1976 ESTIMATES INCLUDING ANY RESULTING PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT OF THE REGIONAL PLAN.

QUOTE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE ABOVE ACTION HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SUPPORT COMMITTEE AND THAT THE BASIS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION IS JS-WP/939 I.E. A LETTER OF AUGUST 15, 1975 FROM THE UNITED STATES.

QUOTE. THIS LETTER, HOWEVER, CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING FUNDAMENTAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND ERRORS.

QUOTE. ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A FLIGHT INFORMATION CENTRE - FIC - FOR THE LOWER PART OF SONDRESTROM FIR IS MAINLY DUE TO A REQUIRMENT FROM CARRIERS SERVING GREENLAND, AND AS IT WILL BE SEEN FROM THE REPORT FROM THE 10TH MEETING OF THE NAT/SPG NO REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE EXPENSES CONCERNING SONDRESTROM FIC WILL BE CLAIMED UNDER THE JOINT FINANCE AGREEMENT. AS A CONSEQUENCE HEREOF THIS MATTER WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED IN SPITE OF THE REMARKS MADE UNDER YOUR ITEM 3.2.

QUOTE. UNDER ITEM 3.3 SONDRESTROM HF-COMMUNICATION STATION I SHALL DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE REPORT OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE NAT SYSTEMS PLANNING GROUP (PARA. 2.14), WHERE IT WAS DECIDED TO DISCONTINUE THE CURRENT TRIAL AND DEFER IT UNTIL ICELAND HAS TAKEN OVER THE RESPONSIBILITIES AT 1ST JANUARY, 1976. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE VERY SAME STAFF AT SONDRESTROM RUNS THE HF FAMILY D FREQUENCIES AS WELL AS THE EXTENDED RANGE VHF, WHICH INCORPORATES THE 3 STATIONS, QAQATOQAQ, SONDRESTROM, AND KULUSUK. IN THE OVERALL BUDGET FOR SONDRESTROM THE COST OF OPERATING THE KULUSUK VHF HAS BEEN CALCULATED TO BE \$4,000. THE ANNUAL COST, AS REFERRED TO IN YOUR ITEM 3.4 OF OPERATING KULUSUK VHF ALONE WAS AN ESTIMATE GIVEN WITH RESPECT TO A SITUATION WHERE THE EXISTING REMOTE CIRCUIT IN THE DYE-CHAIR, PROVIDED BY USAF, WOULD NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE. BUT AS THE COMMUNICATION ON TELEPHONE AND TELEPRINTER BETWEEN THE CENTRES IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ICELAND, GREENLAND, AND CANADA ARE MORE OR LESS DEPENDENT ON THE CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF CIRCUITS IN THE DYE-CHAIN, A COMPLETE NEW SITUATION WILL EXIST THE DAY USAF WITHDRAW THEIR SUPPORTS OF PROVIDING THESE CIRCUITS.

QUOTE. IT SHOULD FURTHERMORE BE NOTED THAT AFTER WITHDRAWAL OF THE HF-STATIONS AT PRINS CHRISTIAN SUND AND DUNDAS, SONDRESTROM HF-STATION WILL BE THE ONLY STATION IN GREENLAND, WHICH CAN RENDER COMMUNICATION SERVICE TO

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC.

QUOTE. AS IT WILL BE QUITE CONTRARY TO ALL FORMER PRACTICE TO IMPOSE ON A SINGLE COUNTRY THE OBLIGATION TO CONDUCT THE REQUESTED REVIEW I.E. A REVISION OF A REGIONAL PLAN, AND AS SUCH A REVIEW IN OUR OPINION SHOULD ONLY BE MADE BY A FULL SCALE JF CONFERENCE, I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT DENMARK CANNOT AGREE TO CONDUCT THE REQUESTED REVIEW. AS YOU WILL RECALL, A FULL SCALE JF CONFERENCE IS PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE DURING 1978, BUT I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE DATE OF THAT MEETING COULD BE ADVANCED SOMEWHAT IF AN EARLIER REVIEW IS REQUIRED. THE EFFICIENCY OF THE PRESENT ORGANIZATION OF THE AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES PROVIDED BY DENMARK AND THE PLANNED NEW ATS SERVICES COULD HOWEVER IN OUR VIEW WELL BE EXAMINED BY THE SECRETARIAT POSSIBLY BEFORE DEALING FINALLY WITH THE SUBJECT BY UNDERTAKING A SECRETARIAT MISSION EARLIER, INFORMALLY SUGGESTED BY US DURING THE LAST ICAO MISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING THE NEW ATS SYSTEM, AND THEREFORE BE LIMITED TO A VISIT TO SONDRESTROM AND REYKJAVIK. THIS MISSION DOES NOT NEED TO TAKE MORE THAN ABOUT ONE WEEK.

QUOTE. IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE ABOVE DENMARK INTENDS TO PRESENT OUR BUDGET FOR 1976 IN THE NORMAL MANNER AND WE COUNT ON THE USUAL ASSISTANCE OF THE ICAO SECRETARIAT BY A MISSION DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. AFTER THAT MISSION WE HOPE THAT THE JOINT SUPPORT COMMITTEE WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO RECONSIDER THE DECISION TAKEN ON THE 30TH OF SEPTEMBER MEETING.

QUOTE. IF, HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE INSISTS THAT THE CEILING IN ARTICLE V OF THE JOINT FINANCE AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE INCREASED FOR 1976, I HAVE TO INFORM YOU THAT DENMARK SHALL BE COMPELLED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR THE INSTITUTION OF A PROVISIONAL NATIONAL USER CHARGE TO COVER OUR EXPENSES TOWARDS THE NEW SERVICES. IN THIS CONNECTION I WOULD

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LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT NO CONTRIBUTING STATES TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HAVE MADE ANY RESERVATION AS TO THE INCLUSION OF THE NEW SERVICES IN THE REGIONAL PLAN.

QUOTE. ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
P.D.V., H. DAHL. UNQUOTE.
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